

Additional File 1

Expansion of CORE-SINEs in the genome of the Tasmanian Devil.

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Table S1. The total amount of transposable elements in the Tasmanian devil genome.

	Number	Total nts	% of genome	Opossum	Wallaby
LINEs	3208902	998820415	33.96%	29.17%	28.6%
SINEs	2429154	351198812	10.89%	10.44%	11.7%
LTRs	243978	52042725	1.72%	10.63%	3.9%
DNA transposons	235659	33000300	1.13%	1.74%	2.9%
Total			52.18%	52.17%	52.8%

Table S2. Tint Matrix of frequently occurring SINEs and other short retroposons.

	MAR1	MAR1a Mdo	MAR1b Mdo	MAR1c Mdo	MIR	MIR3	MdoRep1	P7SL MD	WALLS1	WALLS1A	WALLS3	WALLS4	WSINE1	WSINE1 a+b	[Sum]	Count	Avgsize	T(i)
MAR1	1	7	5	2	59	37	11	2	0	1	3	10	4	1	143	22583	109,7	2615492
MAR1a Mdo	20	26	116	37	101 4	776	177	22	0	5	9	219	7	2	243 0	138016	182,3	2722107
MAR1b Mdo	10	22	51	21	978	515	112	26	0	7	7	177	7	1	193 4	178996	152,1	2622872
MAR1c Mdo	3	4	14	10	218	116	46	4	0	3	1	33	1	1	454	37453	135,3	2592694
MIR	20	20	93	25	105 9	149 9	143	22	0	18	9	280	7	4	319 9	568828	116,8	1902451
MIR3	4	8	5	1	111 3	899	31	1	1	18	4	87	2	0	217 4	641663	122,2	1668324
MdoRep1	1	3	4	1	143	176	50	5	0	3	0	51	1	0	438	103721	132,5	2300632
P7SL MD	0	0	0	0	20	20	3	1	0	0	1	10	0	0	55	12340	200,1	2410323
WALLS1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	669	55,7	2663089
WALLS1A	10	34	10	15	81	63	42	6	2	66	25	33	2	0	389	45349	233,5	2663621
WALLS3	5	16	17	18	112	96	51	5	0	9	56	37	0	0	422	33260	257,6	2634668
WALLS4	2	2	2	1	314	125	23	3	0	6	1	17	2	0	498	131879	151,3	2193234
WSINE1	38	140	152	37	561	590	123	14	1	106	59	241	11	11	208 4	87340	125,9	2933083
WSINE1 a+b	368	611	1024	102	995	284	88	13	0	91	33	86	3	5	370 3	122529	134	3152414
[Sum]	483	893	1493	270	666 8	519 7	900	124	4	335	208	1281	47	25	0	212462 6	0	null

Table S3. The distance and total count value from each of the 66 sub-families identified by COSEG.

SUBFAMILY	Transversion distance	Uncorrected distance	COSEQ distance	Number of copies
1	0,066	0,189	0,269	9727
2	0,084	0,216	0,32	784
3	0,080	0,221	0,305	3304
4	0,055	0,168	0,225	4106
5	0,081	0,220	0,305	1613
6	0,064	0,193	0,254	6037
7	0,101	0,249	0,342	2760
8	0,074	0,209	0,301	2949
9	0,058	0,179	0,238	4796
10	0,033	0,112	0,151	2704
11	0,086	0,227	0,321	3246
12	0,062	0,189	0,25	6953
13	0,081	0,220	0,311	3769
14	0,065	0,194	0,258	2701
15	0,110	0,262	0,355	1451
16	0,113	0,289	0,36	1110
17	0,082	0,288	0,306	1385
18	0,084	0,284	0,286	571
19	0,101	0,294	0,336	1864
20	0,099	0,282	0,338	1934
21	0,091	0,279	0,321	1155
22	0,067	0,260	0,282	1415
23	0,061	0,245	0,251	7885
24	0,062	0,253	0,255	7297
25	0,072	0,273	0,296	5636
26	0,064	0,258	0,249	7037
27	0,059	0,248	0,231	7446
28	0,066	0,264	0,263	4582
29	0,065	0,265	0,268	1381
30	0,068	0,265	0,273	4023
31	0,068	0,255	0,276	1968
32	0,072	0,266	0,286	1323
33	0,065	0,242	0,273	3306
34	0,072	0,253	0,295	1616
35	0,046	0,207	0,211	2015
36	0,060	0,218	0,242	1191
37	0,066	0,245	0,282	778
38	0,080	0,259	0,312	576
39	0,063	0,264	0,26	1403
40	0,101	0,291	0,331	606
41	0,027	0,135	0,124	1507
42	0,064	0,252	0,256	2010
43	0,054	0,224	0,222	2438
44	0,071	0,275	0,287	500
45	0,058	0,242	0,235	2614
46	0,069	0,204	0,275	1913
47	0,086	0,237	0,321	674
48	0,067	0,194	0,264	875
49	0,081	0,223	0,27	993
50	0,068	0,195	0,26	5775
51	0,056	0,176	0,227	3445
52	0,066	0,189	0,263	4106

53	0,055	0,172	0,223	4426
54	0,058	0,178	0,234	568
55	0,053	0,168	0,22	710
56	0,078	0,213	0,307	998
57	0,070	0,207	0,275	659
58	0,060	0,184	0,243	1785
59	0,054	0,164	0,217	678
60	0,060	0,184	0,24	1400
61	0,054	0,171	0,223	1558
62	0,054	0,168	0,222	1397
63	0,058	0,181	0,239	628
64	0,060	0,185	0,244	717
65	0,055	0,168	0,22	1630
66	0,081	0,223	0,296	1368
Total				171775

Table S4. The substitution rate estimation of the WSINE1 found at different splits in the marsupial tree.

a) Substitution rate estimation of WSINE1.

	HKY distance	Oldest age	Youngest age
Node 1=129	0,354	72 my	65 my
Australidelphia		0,353/72=	0,353/63=
		0,0049	0,0054
Node 2= 206	0,285	61 my	55 my
Diprotodontia		0,285/61=	0,285/55=
		0,0046	0,0051
Node 3=194	0,217	53 my	48 my
Phalangerida		0,217/53=	0,217/48=
		0,0041	0,0045
Average subs/my		0,0045	0,0050

b) Different divergence times of the nodes from mt and nuclear data.

	Meredith et al. 2009		Meredith et al 2008		This study
Split prior to Diprotodontia	62,2 my		59,2-62,8 my		61 my
Origin of Diprotodontia	53,3 my (46,6- 60)		50,8-54,1 my		55 my
Origin of Phalangerida	48,4 my (42,1-55,1)		43,8-47,6 my		53 my
Origin of Australidelphia	63,0 my 55,6-70,0)		59,9-62,9 my		65 my
Split prior to Australidelphia	72,5 my (65,2-86,2)		71,3-85,6 my		72 my

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Table S5. ML analyses of alternative relationships inside Dasyuromorphia.

Topology	Shimodaira-Hasegawa test (SH)			Approximately unbiased test (AU)		
	12 cdp	123 cdp	aa	12 cdp	123 cdp	aa
OG,(T,(D,M))	1.00	1.00	0.39	0.88	0.94	0.32
OG,(M,(D,T))	0.07	0.02*	0.11	0.06	0.01*	0.05
OG,(D,(T,M))	0.21	0.07	1.00	0.16	0.09	0.73
OG,(S,(H,G))	1.00	1.0	0.53	0.79	0.98	0.42
OG,(G,(S,H))	0.40	0.00*	0.55	0.32	0.00*	0.46
OG,(H,(S,G))	0.31	0.0*	1.00	0.24	0.00*	0.66

Note - A star indicates *hypotheses that are rejected at the 5% level of significance*.

OG: Outgroup; D: Dasyuridae; M: Myrmecobiidae; T: Thylacinidae. S : Tasmanian devil; G: western quoll; H: northern quoll.

Table S6. Divergence time estimates in Ma using ~~Benton et al. 2009~~ and ~~Meredith et~~

al. 2008[67] and [32] and one analysis combining the calibration points from both studies. For branch numbering refer to figure S2. n.a. - Not applicable.

Branch	Benton et al. 2009	Meredith et al. 2008	Combined set
1	50	n.a.	50
2	71	n.a.	71
3	43	n.a.	43
4	95	n.a.	95
5	65	n.a.	65
6	105	n.a.	105
7	138	n.a.	138
8	25	32	25
9	80	75	80
10	51	50	51
11	42	43	42
12	6	5	6
13	71	68	72
14	9	8	8
15	25	21	23
16	37	31	34
17	66	60	65
18	62	56	61
19	56	51	55
20	44	40	44
21	53	48	53
22	45	41	45
23	36	33	36
24	41	37	41
25	50	45	50
26	23	20	23
27	8	7	8
28	17	15	17
29	44	40	44
30	26	23	26
31	63	58	63
32	60	55	60
33	45	41	45
34	40	67	40
35	13	11	13
36	23	20	23
37	31	28	31
38	13	11	12
39	14	12	14
40	19	17	18
41	26	23	26

42	19	17	19
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Table S7. Marsupialian systematics and accession number of complete mt genomes used in this study.

Infraclass – Marsupialia

Cohort – Australidelphia

Order – Dasyuromorphia

Family – Dasyuridae

Subfamily – Dasyurinae

Tribe – Dasyurini

Genus - *Parantechinus*

Parantechinus apicalis (dibbler, FN666601)

Genus – *Dasyurus*

Dasyurus geoffroii (western quoll, FN666605)

Dasyurus hallucatus (northern quoll, AY795973)

Genus – *Sarcophilus*

Sarcophilus harrisii (tasmanian devil, FN666604)

Tribe – Phascogalini

Genus – *Antechinus*

Antechinus flavipes (yellow-footed antechinus, FN666600)

Genus – *Phascogale*

Phascogale tapoatafa (brush-tailed phascogale, AJ639869)

Subfamily - Sminthopsinae

Tribe – Planigalini

Genus – *Planigale*

Planigale sp. (n/a, FN666602)

Tribe – Sminthopsini

Genus – *Sminthopsis*

Sminthopsis crassicaudata (fat-tailed dunnart, AY795974)

Sminthopsis douglasi (julia creek dunnart, AJ639867)

Family – Myrmecobiidae

Myrmecobius fasciatus (numbat, FJ515782/ FN666603)

Family – Thylacinidae

Thylacinus cynocephalus (tasmanian wolf, FJ515780)

Order – Diprotodontia

Distoechurus pennatus (feather-tailed possum, AB241052)

Lagorchestes hirsutus (rufous hare-wallaby, AB241056)

Lagostrophus fasciatus (banded hare wallaby, AM262148)

Macropus robustus (common wallaroo, Y10524)

Petaurus breviceps (sugar glider, AB241055)

Dactylopsila trivirgata (striped possum, AB241054)

Phalanger interpositus (stein's cuscus, AB241057)

Trichosurus vulpecula (common brushtail possum, AF357238)

Phascolarctos cinereus (koala, AB241053)

Potorous tridactylus (long-nosed potoroo, AJ639873)

Pseudocheirus peregrinus (common ringtail possum, AJ639870)

Tarsipes rostratus (honey possum, AJ639868)

Vombatus ursinus (common wombat, AJ304826)

Order – Microbiotheria

Dromiciops gliroides (monito del monte, AJ508402)

Order – Notoryctemorphia

Notoryctes typhlops (southern marsupial mole, AJ639874)

Order – Peramelemorphia

Isodon macrourus (northern brown bandicoot, AF358864)

Perameles gunnii (eastern barred bandicoot, AJ639872)

Echymipera rufescens australis (long-nosed spiny bandicoot, AY795975)

Macrotis lagotis (greater bilby, AJ639871)

Cohort – Ameridelphia

Order – Didelphimorphia

Didelphis virginiana (north american opossum, Z29573)

Metachirus nudicaudatus (brown four-eyed opossum, AJ639866)

Monodelphis domestica (gray short-tailed opossum, AJ508498)

Thylamys elegans (elegant fat-tailed mouse opossum, AJ508401)

Order – Paucituberculata

Caenolestes fuliginosus (silky shrew opossum, AJ508400)

Rhyncholestes raphanurus (long-nosed shrew opossum, AJ508399)

Infraclass – Eutheria

Bos Taurus (cow, J01394)

Canis familiaris (dog, U96639)

Ceratotherium simum (white rhinoceros, Y07726)

Dasypus novemcinctus (nine-banded armadillo, Y11832)

Equus caballus (horse, X79547)

Felis catus (cat, U20753)

Balaenoptera musculus (blue whale, X72204)

Infraclass – Monotremata

Ornithorhynchus anatinus (duck-billed platypus, X83427)

Table S8. Calibration points.

The two sets of calibration points used in the estimation of dasyuromorphian divergence times. Calibration points have been collected from ~~Benton et al. 2009 and Meredith et al. 2008~~[67] and [32]. ^a and ^b dates are taken from phylogenomic analyses (~~Hallström and Janke 2008~~)[68].

	Benton et al. 2009	Meredith et al. 2008
Fixed point	Node 7: 138 ^a Ma	Node 9: 75 Ma
	Node 1: 50-60 ^b Ma	Node 10: 7-56 Ma
	Node 2: 63-132 Ma	Node14: 4-23 Ma
	Node 3: 40-65 Ma	Node 15: 4-23 Ma
	Node 5: 52-66 Ma	Node 17: 55-71 Ma
	Node 4: 63-132 Ma	Node 20: 26-65 Ma
	Node 6: 63-132 Ma	Node 21: 26-55 Ma
	Node 9: 62-132 Ma	Node 23: 26-65 Ma
		Node 26: 12-34 Ma
		Node 37: 4-34 Ma
		Node 42: 4-23 Ma

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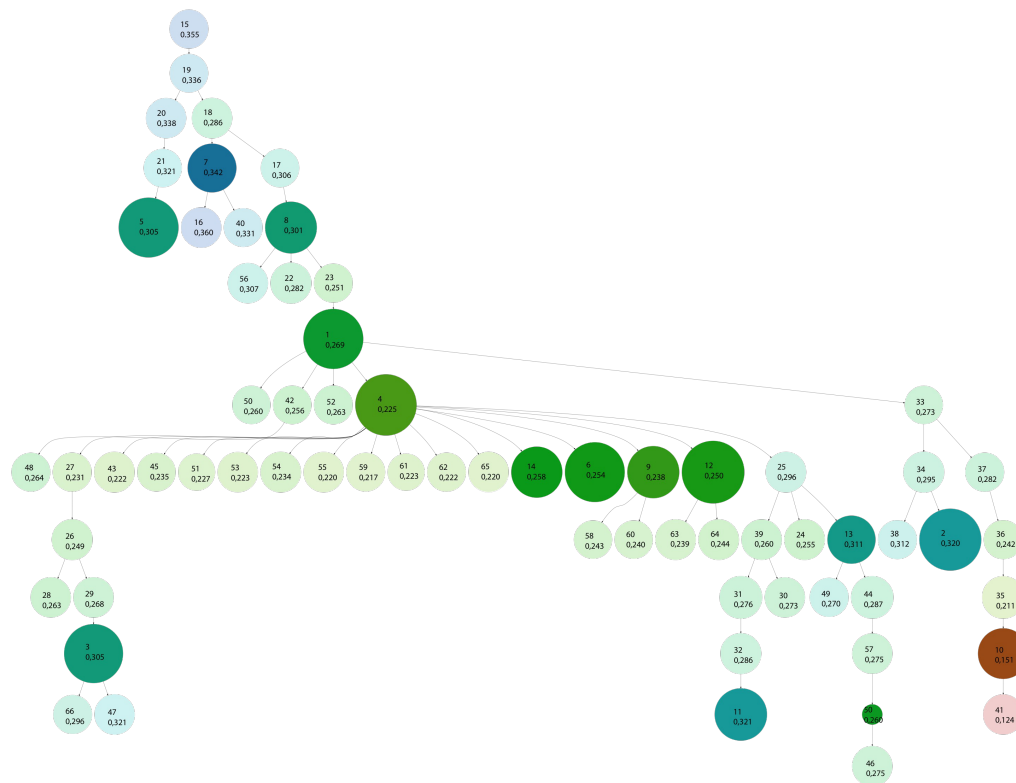


Figure S1. The network of 66 sub-families of WSINE1 in the Tasmanian Devil genome. The upper number in each ball indicates the sub-family name, and the value below the distance. For a total list of element count and divergence please see table S3.

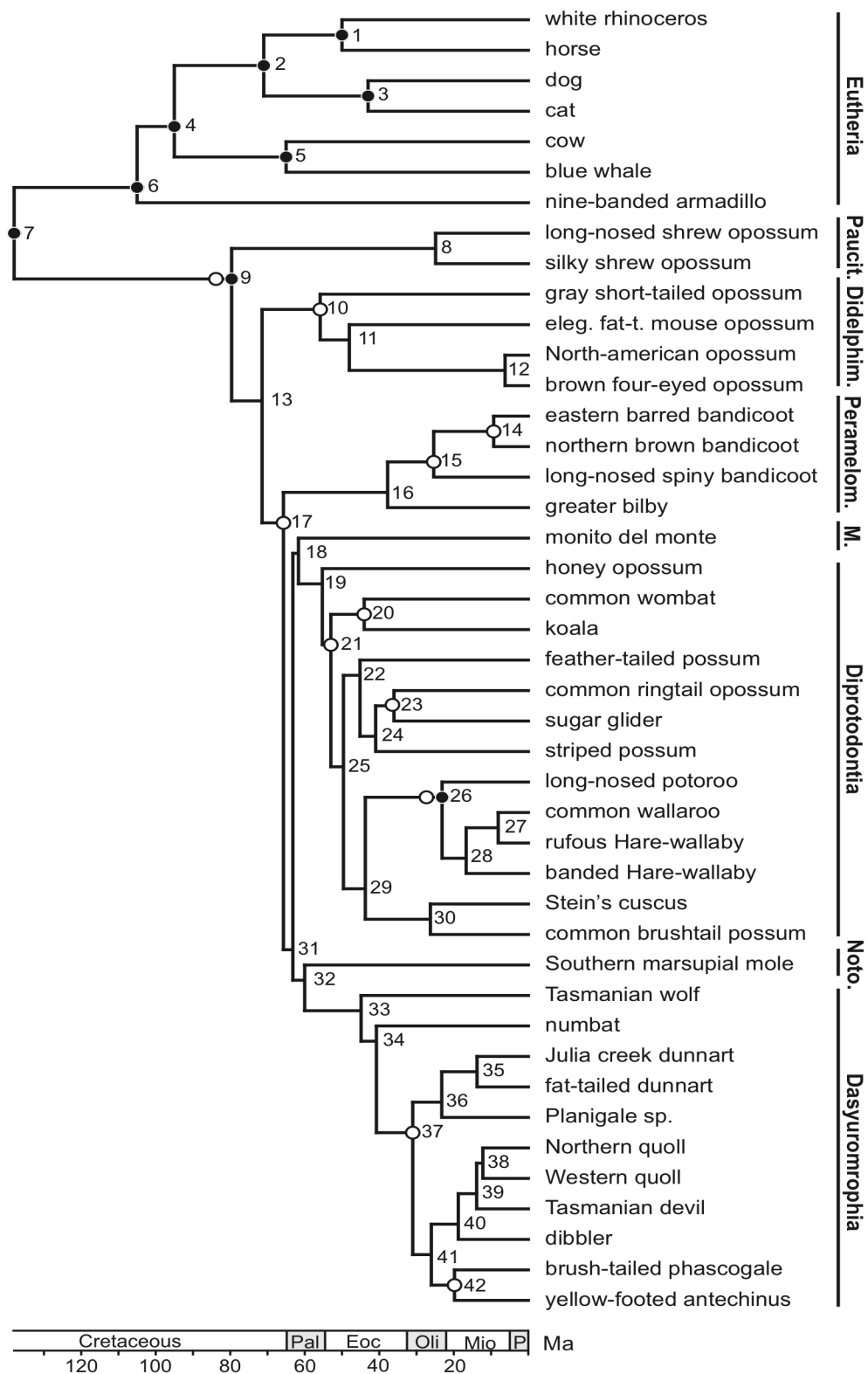


Figure S2. Chronogram based on the 44-taxon data set. For divergence times see table S6. Solid circles refer to calibration points of [Benton et al. 2009\[67\]](#) and open to [Meredith et al. 2008\[32\]](#). Paucit. – Paucituberculata, Didelphim. –Didelphimorphia, Peramelom. – Peramelomorphia, M. – Microbitheria, Noto. - Notoryctemorphia.

SUPPLEMENTARY METHODS

PHYLOGENETIC RECONSTRUCTION AND DIVERGENCE TIME ESTIMATION

DNA extraction, PCR amplification and sequencing

Six dasyuromorphian species were sequenced, that of the dibbler, *Parantechinus apicalis*, the Tasmanian devil, *Sarcophilus harrisii*, the Western Quoll, *Dasyurus geoffroii*, the yellow-footed antechinus, *Antechinus flavipes*, an unspecified species of the genus *Planigale*, *Planigale* sp., and the Numbat *Myrmecobius fasciatus*. Total DNA was extracted from tissue samples using the phenol-chloroform method [469].

The *LA Taq*, *Z-Taq*, or *Ex Taq* (Takara Bio Inc.) DNA polymerases were used for amplification according to the manufacturer's specifications. In cases with several amplification products, the correct band was gel eluted using the Gel Band Purification Kit (Pharmacia Biotech) prior to sequencing.

Most of the coding regions were unproblematic to amplify in fragments sizes up to 5 kilo bases (Kb). All fragments were overlapping by about 500 nucleotides (nt) and were sequenced from both strands when sequencing artifacts occurred or were suspected. The conserved PCR primers and numerous specific primers for primer walking were used for sequencing with the BigDye Terminator v3.1 Cycle Sequencing Kit (Applied Biosystems) according to the manufacturers recommendations. The reactions were analyzed on an ABI prism 3100 Genetic Analyzer.

Data alignment and phylogenetic analyses

The sequences were assembled manually in the program Se-AL [270]. Each protein-coding gene was translated for verifying the reading frame and for detection of sequencing artifacts. The alignment of the sequences was done manually in PAUP* [371] by adding the twelve H-strand protein-coding genes to an existing alignment of marsupialian and placental mammalian sequences [431]. Gaps and alignment ambiguous sites adjacent to the gaps were removed with the aid of a custom made PERL program.

Modeltest version 3.7 and Prottest version 1.2.6 were used for evaluating the best-fitting nt and amino acid (aa) models for the maximum likelihood (ML) analyses [572,736]. The ML phylogenetic analyses were done in TREEFINDER [766] (TF).

The nt data were analyzed by the general time reversible model of sequence evolution, GTR [874], GTR2 [766] assuming four classes of rate heterogeneity, 4G [975] and one class of invariable sites, I. The alignment was analyzed including all codon positions using the GTR+4G+I model. The aa sequences were analyzed using the mtMAM model of sequence evolution and 4G+I. TF branch support values were calculated and alternative topologies were evaluated by the Shimodaira-Hasegawa probability values [1076] (pSH) and Approximately Unbiased probability values [1177], pAU.

Local calibration of evolutionary rates

Three WSINE1 containing loci placed within narrowly defined divergences were used as calibration for the rate.

- 1) The sequence distance within the group of marsupials, excluding target site duplication, was calculated using HKY+G+I using Treefinder [766]. As the exact time of insertion can have occurred at any time between the upper and lower split, an average was done between oldest and youngest date. This gives an average rate of substitution per million years. This rate is specific for marsupials, and in particular for WSINE1.
- 2) Due to the limited number of loci and sequences, we have cross-compared all and these were found to correlate.
- 3) The evolutionary nodes in questions have been estimated by different data sets to the same age.
- 4) The divergence for each sub-family was estimated using the calculated rate by dividing the rate with the divergence.

SUPPLEMENTARY RESULTS

Phylogenetic analysis

Dasyuromorphian phylogeny

The 16 species dataset is 10,845 nucleotide (nt) sites (3,615 amino acid (aa) sites) long. A chi-2 test for compositional homogeneity on the complete alignment showed that the overall nucleotide composition differs significantly over the complete data set, but was homogenous for 1st and 2nd codon position (cdp) in marsupials for most species and for all species among the Dasyuromorphia. Recoding the sequences to R and Y increased the number of species that conform in compositional homogeneity. The aa composition was homogenous for most marsupials and all Dasyuromorphia. The programs Modeltest and Prottest suggested the GTR+4G+I model for ML analyses of the analysis of 1st+2nd cdp and all cdp of nt sequence data and the mtMam+4G+I model for the analyses of aa sequences, respectively. Within the Dasyuridae most branches are maximally supported with TF values being 99% or better, except for the divergence between the genera *Dasyurus* (Quolls) and *Sarcophilus*, the Tasmanian devil (Supplementary Figure S2). Their relationship is differently resolved in the nt and aa sequence based analyses. While ML analysis of the aa data show weak support for *Sarcophilus* nested inside the quolls, the ML analyses of nt sequences strongly support at monophyletic genus *Dasyurus*. ML analysis of all three codon positions (123 cdp), clearly rejects that the genus *Sarcophilus* being nested inside *Dasyurus* by SH and AU test statistics (Supplementary Table S5).

Dasyuromorphia divergence times

The origin of the order Dasyuromorphia is calculated to 60/54.8 million years ago (Ma) based on [1267], the first value, or [1332] shown in the second value. The deepest split is between the Tasmanian wolf (Thylaciniade) and the remaining Dasyuromorphia at 44.9/40.9 Ma. The next divergence occurred 3-4 my later (40.8/37.2 Ma) between numbat (Myrmecobiade) and Dasyuridae. The deepest split inside Dasyuridae is estimated to 31/27.8 Ma between the two subfamilies Sminthopsinae and Dasyurinae. Within Sminthopsinae, the Planigalini (*Planigale* sp.) and Sminthopsini diverged at 23.2/20.4 Ma while closely related species within Sminthopsini diverged at 13.8/12.1 Ma. Inside Dasyurinae the tribe Phascogalini originated at 26/23.1 Ma. The species within Phascogalini split at 19.8/17.6 Ma. The genus *Parantechinus* within the tribe Dasyurini diverged from the two genera

Dasyurus and *Sarcophilus* at 18.8/16.7 Ma (*Parantechinus apicalis*) and the later two genera diverge at 13.9/12.3 Ma (Tasmanian devil). The two closest related species in the genus *Dasyurus* diverge at 12.2/10.8 Ma. The overall similarity between the different calibration points is remarkable.

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